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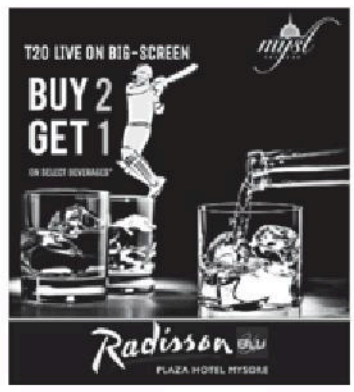


Guests under Cops' lens

- Not more than 200 people inside wedding hall at a time
- Kalyan Mantap Managers must inform local Police about event and organisers one week in advance

DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda addressing members of Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners Association at the premises of new Police Commissioner's Office in city last evening.

Mysuru, Nov.5 (SSV&MTY)- Police patrolling vehicles will keep watch on guests at wedding halls in their respective limits to ensure the strict implementation of COVID-19 guidelines issued by Union Health Ministry.

"Our Cheetah and Garuda patrolling vehicles will visit every Kalyan Mantap and book criminal case in case of gross violation of COVID guidelines against the Manager and person who has booked the choultry," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda told *Star of Mysore*.

According to Police, Managers of marriage halls must keep local Police Stations informed about the events in their premises one week in advance and provide details of bride, groom and name, address and contact number of person who has booked the choultry. But, in the name of sharing information with the Police, the Choultry Managers must not harass the general public. In case of sudden marriages or other functions, the Managers can inform the area Police Station on the same day.

The DCP said on the day of marriage or other function, the Police patrolling vehicles will inspect all the marriage halls in their jurisdiction and check the number of attendees. Even jurisdiction Police Inspector can also give a surprise visit to the marriage hall to examine implementation of COVID-19 guidelines. At a time, there should not be more than 200 guests inside the marriage hall. Any extra person, than the stipulated number, will be considered as violation and criminal case will be filed against the person who has booked the hall.

In dining hall, only 50 per cent capacity is allowed. Safe distance must be strictly maintained by the guests. "We will deal with the situation on humanitarian grounds but in the interest of every person", the DCP added.

(See GUESTS on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	168
Total positive cases	:	48,224
Discharges yesterday	:	228
Total discharges	:	45,886
Deaths yesterday	:	3
Total deaths	:	964
Total active cases	:	1,374

Online job portals swindling youths with fake airport job offers

15 to 20 youths have come to Mysore Airport asking for jobs since last three months, says Airport Director

Mysuru, Nov. 5 (KS) - A few online employment portals, taking advantage of youths who are rendered jobless due to COVID-19 pandemic, are allegedly collecting money to the tune of Rs. 30,000 each from youths promising them jobs at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli.

Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath, speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, said that a few online agencies that have collected the bio-data and got the money transferred online are sending candidates to Mysore Airport and added that about 15 to 20 youths have come to the Airport asking for jobs since last three months.

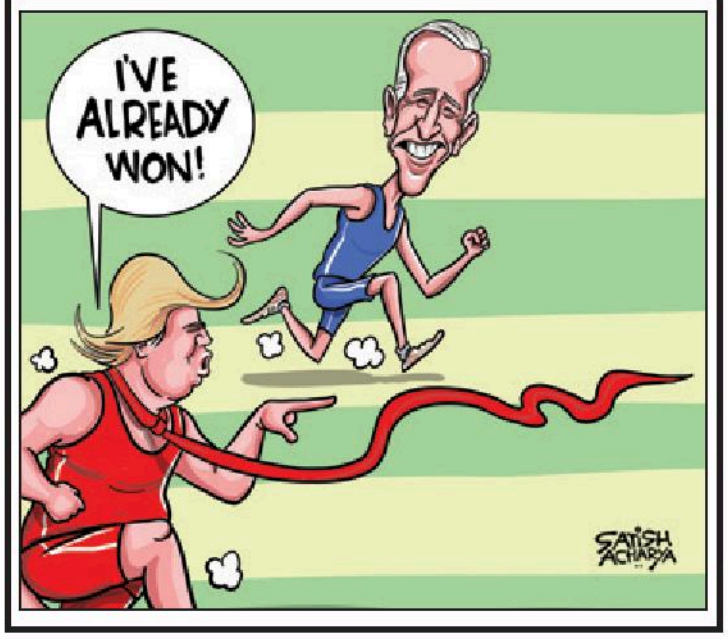
Besides online firms, a few private employment agencies have swindled the youths promising them jobs at the Airport.

The Airport Director, advising the gullible youths not to fall prey to fake job offers and lose their money, has clarified that there are no vacancies at Mysore Airport as of now and recruitment is taken up only by the Airport Authority of India (AAI).

There are no websites or agencies which have been authorised by AAI, either to show vacancy positions in their site or to accept any application for recruitment for AAI's vacancies. All the vacancies and recruitment are notified on AAI's official website only and sometimes in Employment News, Rojgar Samachar and other leading newspapers.

(See ONLINE on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 5th November 2020

Digital Life Certificate: Calling Pensioners

Mysuru, Nov. 5- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) pensioners visit PF Offices every year in the months of Nov.-Dec. to submit their Life Certificate to continue to draw their pension without break.

In the present scenario of COVID-19 pandemic, the EPFO desires that all the pensioners should stay safe and stay at home. Therefore, EPFO has partnered with Common Service Centre (CSC) to provide facility to submit Digital Jeevan Pramaan.

A multi-agency model adopted by EPFO empowers EPS pensioners with choice and autonomy to select the service delivery agency as per their convenience.

EPS pensioners are requested to avoid visiting PF Offices and instead submit Aadhaar-based Biometric Digital Life Certificate (DLC) or Jeevan Pramaan at Banks, nearest Post Offices or at Common Service Centres or Mee Seva Centres or by using Doorstep Banking Services by PSB. Pensioners need to carry their Mobile, Bank Pass Book, Pension Payment Order Number and Aadhaar number.

They can also avail this service by contacting their local Postman or nearest Post Office or can submit online, through UMANG app by attaching a Finger Print Scanner to their mobiles.

In this regard, a key policy change has been brought in by EPFO to allow EPS pensioners to submit Digital Jeevan Pramaan at any time during the year as per their convenience and not just during the months of Nov.- Dec. The Life Certificate will remain valid for one year from the date of submission.

For example, the Digital Life Certificate submitted in Nov.-Dec. 2019 is valid for release of monthly pension for one year, that is up to Nov.-Dec. 2020, respectively. Pensioners who have submitted Digital Life Certificate after Jan. 2020 need not submit till one year is over. Pensioners who have been issued PPOs in 2020 can submit Digital Life Certificate after one year. This pro-pensioner step has been taken to provide hassle-free social security cover to EPS pensioners, according to a press release from PF Regional Office, Gayathripuram [Ph:0821-2599200/222]

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India announced its National Education Policy (NEP-2020) on July 29 this year. The policy aims at overhauling the educational system in the country and making "India a global knowledge superpower" with a new system that is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal-4 (UN-SDG-4). It also emphasises universal access to schools for all children, raising the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), and ending the spiralling dropout rate in India. At present, many educational institutions and regulatory bodies, both at the Centre and State-levels, are headed by bureaucrats. However, the NEP-2020 aims to de-bureaucratise the education system by giving governance powers to academicians. It also talks about giving autonomy to higher educational institutions by handing over their administration to a board comprising academicians. This may help de-bureaucratise the education system and reduce political interference to an extent. — *Jos Chathukulam in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cooling paint that could reduce use of air conditioner

West Lafayette: Engineers at Purdue University recently unveiled a revolutionary white paint that they claim can keep surfaces up to 18 degrees Fahrenheit (7.8 degrees Celsius) cooler than their ambient temperature, by absorbing almost no solar energy and actually sending heat away from the surface it is covering. Think of it as a way of turning basically any space into a refrigerator, only without the energy cost.

It took Purdue's engineers six years of hard work and lots of trial and error to come up with a white paint based on calcium carbonate, an earth-abundant compound, that actually worked. Purdue researchers estimate that the reflective white paint would be both cheaper to produce than commercial white paint and also save people about a dollar a day on air-conditioning use for a one-story house of approximately 1,076 square feet.

Whale tail sculpture saves train from plunging into water

Rotterdam: A train that shot through a stop block was saved from a dramatic plunge into the water below - by a sculpture of a whale's tail.

The metro train was left balancing on the tail fins - known as "flukes" - 10 mts above the ground near the Dutch port city of Rotterdam.

There were no passengers in the train when it crashed through stop barriers at the end of the station, which is the final stop on the line. The crash happened just before midnight and woke people living in nearby houses, but thankfully, the train's driver escaped injury. The sculpture Whale Tails made of polyester, is the work of Maarten Struijs. The tails were placed in the water at the end of the metro tracks in 2002.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many of our calories come from high fructose corn syrup?

Fructose makes up 10 % of the American diet. The average American consumes the equivalent of a 16-OZ soft drink per day. That works out to about 50 gallons per year. Is it any wonder that Americans are becoming diabetic in record numbers?

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	93
Total positive cases	:	17,097
Total discharges	:	16,174
Total deaths	:	143
Total active cases	:	780

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	17
Total positive cases	:	6,053
Total discharges	:	5,734
Total deaths	:	113
Total active cases	:	195

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	10
Total positive cases	:	4,911
Total discharges	:	4,725
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	122

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	172
Total positive cases	:	25,473
Total discharges	:	23,807
Total deaths	:	376
Total active cases	:	1,290

Really...?

- *A herd of sixty cows is capable of producing a ton of milk in less than a day.*
- *The blue whale weighs as much as thirty elephants and is as long as three Greyhound buses.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Nurse: *Sir, your wife's phone...*
Doctor: *What's the matter?*
Nurse: *She wants to kiss you!*
Doctor: *I'm busy, you take her kiss and give me later!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.35
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 96.33
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.24
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.26

VOICE OF THE READER

Inordinate delay in disbursement of salary at Govt. Colleges

Sir,

In recent times salary is not being disbursed on time to the employees of Degree Colleges (Government and aided), Engineering and Polytechnics in particular from the Government.

In fact the salary is being delayed by two to three months. Whenever the officials concerned are enquired in the Department in this regard, they give evasive reply.

Around two months back I read in *SOM* that MLC Marithibbegowda had appealed to the Minister for Higher Education to release salary dues of lecturers in one installment and to disburse salary on time every month in future.

Though the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) in a circular on 20th March 2020 had given strict instructions to all the Departments to disburse salary on the 5th of every month, the officials concerned have not taken it seriously. This shows the callous and apathetic attitude of the officials towards teachers.

This inordinate delay in the disbursal of salary has put the employees into lot of hardship. It has become very difficult to bear the family expenses. Some employees have availed personal loan, home loan, educational loan, vehicle loan etc., and also to take care of their aged parents.

Apart from this, the whole State is combating the COVID pandemic and the employees cannot afford the medical expenses of patients in the family without salary.

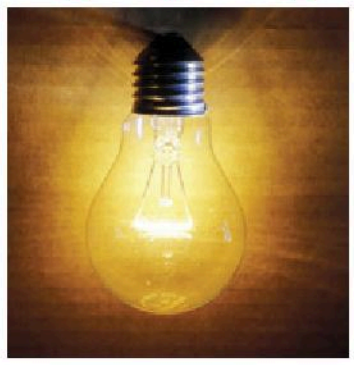
Hence, I sincerely appeal to all the representatives of the people (MLAs , MLCs and MP) of Mysuru District and the Deputy Commissioner to use their good offices to address this issue seriously to the Chief Minister and the Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka and see to it that the employees get their salary on time.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
3.11.2020

Govt's shocker to citizens

Power tariff up by 40 paise per unit

Bengaluru, Nov.5 (SSV)- After by-elections to Sira and RR Nagar Assembly segments two days ago, the State Government has given a shock to the citizens by increasing the power tariff by 40 paise per unit with retrospective effect from Nov. 1.



Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has revised the power tariff and hiked it by 40 paise per unit with an average increase of 5.40 per cent, compared to 33 paise per unit last year. The hike in tariff is attributed to the rise in costs the ESComs are facing annually in transmission and maintenance.

The KERC Commissioner issued the revision orders yesterday after holding a virtual meeting with the heads of all the ESComs.

Tariff hike delayed by lockdown

The revision has come into effect from Nov. 1 but will reflect in the Dec. bill. Usually, the power tariff revision is done in April. However, this did not happen due to lockdown, election code of conduct and pendency of an appeal filed by Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity.

The KERC has noted that against the revenue gap of Rs. 2,473 crore, an amount of Rs. 1,443 crore that would have been recovered as additional revenue towards tariff revision from Apr. 1, 2020, has been kept as regulatory asset. The KERC has approved a slab-wise increase in the tariffs ranging between 20-25 paise per unit across all categories, except Bengaluru Metro and battery charging stations for electric vehicles. There is also an increase of 50 paise per unit for temporary installations.

It also approved an increase in fixed charges by Rs. 10 per kilowatt/HP/kVA. The Commission has withdrawn the Re. 1 penalty it had imposed on high-tension (HT) industrial consumption for morning peak hour usage between 6 am and 10am and increased the rebate from 100 paise to 105 paise for installing LED lights in public spaces. It has ordered to impose a penalty of up to Rs. 1 lakh if ESComs fail to hold consumer interaction meetings at every sub-division office once in three months.

In the revision order, KERC has not hiked the charges for electric vehicles in HT and low tension (LT) categories, and the existing concessional tariff of Rs. 5 per unit will continue. This concessional tariff has also been extended to battery swapping units. For commercial users, the tariff in all ESComs has been hiked to Rs. 8.25 from the existing Rs. 8 for first 50 units. For HT commercial consumers in BESCom limits, the tariff has been hiked to Rs. 9.15 from Rs. 8.90 for first two lakh units.

The Commission has also hiked the tariff for LT water supply installations from Rs. 4.60 to Rs. 4.85 per unit and from Rs. 5.20 to Rs. 5.45 per unit for HT consumers.

Farmers stage protest against RTO officials

Mysuru, Nov.5 (SPN&DM)- Upset over the action of RTO officials, who had seized a couple of vegetable lorries for alleged violation of traffic norms, farmers under the banner of KRRS and Hasiru Sene, staged a demonstration in front of the RTO (West) Office in Chamarajapuram here recently.

Accusing the RTO officials of heavily penalising the vegetable lorry drivers, who were asked to pay a fine of more than Rs.10,000 for alleged violation of road traffic regulations during a vehicle checking drive on Mysuru-Nanjangud road on Sunday, the farmers questioned the attitude of RTO officials at a time when farmers were a distressed lot due to COVID-19 crisis. Maintaining that the seizure of the lorries for non-payment of fines had resulted in heavy losses to the farmers as the vegetables could not be sold in time, they demanded the suspension of the officials who acted harshly against the farmers.

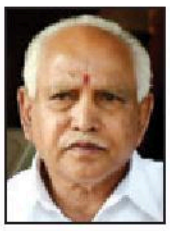
Farmer leaders Hoskote Basavaraj, Marankaiah, Prasanna of Jana Sangram Parishat and others were present.

MGP meeting on Yoga for Health

Mysuru, Nov. 5- The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held online on Nov. 8 at 4 pm. Dr. T.N. Manjunath, Ayurveda Physician and Yogacharya will interact with the public on "Yoga for Health." Those interested to participate may visit MGP website *www.mygrapa.org* under blog post "Yoga for Health" *https://www.mygrapa.org/mgp-meeting-on-yoga-for-health/.* For details call Ph:0821-2515150 or Mob: 98804-93867.

CM to take a call on firecrackers ban soon

Bengaluru, Nov.5 (SSV)- Taking a cue from States like Rajasthan, Odisha, West Bengal and Haryana that have banned the sale of firecrackers this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Karnataka is likely to follow the suit in the interest of Corona positive recovered and recovering patients.



Yediyurappa

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said this has been referred to the health experts and members of Technical Committee on COVID, who will study and give their feedback to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa. The CM will take a final call in this regard in a day or two. He said health experts have explained him that the smoke emanating from the firecrackers would cause breathlessness for COVID patients. Besides, it would also cause problems for patients with respiratory ailments.

The Union Health Ministry is likely to issue fresh guidelines in the next two to three days banning the sale and bursting of firecrackers during Deepavali in the wake of prevailing pandemic across the country. This fresh set of guidelines will help the State Governments to impose the ban on firecrackers.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Division, Mysuru

No. KST/EEM/JE/440/2020-21 Date: 04-11-2020

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 12/2020-21

Item wise tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transperency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance at 1999 & Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through e-Procurement. The contractors / firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e., **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. No documents will be accepted manually.**

Name of Work	Approximate Amount Put to Tender (in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)
Providing epoxy flooring and other allied works at Vehicle Fitness Centre for RTO at Rajeevanagar, Mysuru.	Rs. 25.40	Rs. 50,800.00

1) Last date for receipt of Tenders: **23-11-2020. 2)** Interested Bidders can login to the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details **on or after 11-11-2020. 3)** Any other information required can be had from the Office of **The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Bannimantapa, Mysuru** during working hour. Phone: **0821-2498828.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
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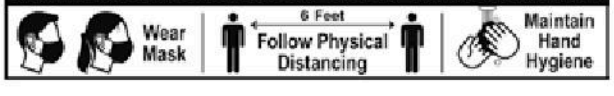


NEWS BRIEFS

Post-Diploma course

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), located in Belagola Industrial Area, off KRS Road in city, has invited applications from eligible SC/ST community candidates for admission to one-year Post-Diploma course in Tool Design. Students from SC/ST community who hold Engineering Diploma in Mechanical/ Industrial Production/ Automobile/ Tool and Die Making/ Precision Manufacturing/ Mechatronics can apply. The admission will be made on first-come-first-serve basis. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 91416-29594 or 91416-30303 or 99451-97783.

Health Counsellor

Under the National Health Mission (NHM), the office of the District Surveillance and Programme Officer, has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment to one post of Counsellor on contract basis. Candidates with M.Sc in Psychology or MSW, are eligible to apply. The appointment will be based on a direct interview, considering the merit and experience of the candidate. The prescribed application form is available at the office of the District Surveillance Officer and the same should be submitted before Nov. 8.

Pratibha Puraskar: Entries invited

Sri Shalivahana Multi-purpose Industrial Credit Co-operative Society, 2nd Cross, Adipampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, has invited applications from poor students belonging to Kumbara community of Mysuru district, who have secured high marks in SSLC or PUC (2019-20) to present cash reward and Pratibha Puraskar. Last date to apply is Nov. 20. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2412988, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.13 ft
Yesterday	124.18 ft
Inflow	5,262 cusecs
Outflow	5,862 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,280.07 ft
Inflow	526 cusecs
Outflow	1,890 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,854.91 ft
Inflow	147 cusecs
Outflow	1,950 cusecs

Priest arrested for looting gold jewellery in the guise of performing puja

Gold ornaments worth Rs. 21 lakh recovered

Hunsur, Nov. 5 (KK&KS)- Bilikere Police have arrested a priest on charges of looting gold jewellery in the guise of performing puja and have recovered 456 grams gold jewellery worth Rs. 21 lakh from him.

The arrested is 28-year-old Manu, a priest at Chowdeshwari Temple in Sathigrama of K.R. Nagar taluk. The priest used to convince couples to perform puja to their gold jewellery so that they would be blessed with a baby boy and allegedly loot the gold jewellery.

In the first week of June 2020, the priest, who had been to Uyigowdanahalli village in Hunsur taluk, went to the house of one Ningappa and told him to get a puja performed to the gold jewellery in his house so that he would be blessed with a baby boy which would also bring prosperity to the house. After convincing Ningappa, the priest fixed a date for the puja.

On the puja day, Ningappa, not only brought his gold jewellery, but also brought gold jewellery of his relatives Basappa, Shivalingappa, Puttappa, Bharathi, Sheela and Deepa, residing in his village and also the jewellery of another relative Santosh of Hunsur, all weighing 456 grams and worth Rs. 21 lakh. Ningappa then got the puja performed.

After performing puja, priest Manu poured rice grains on a towel, placed the gold jewellery in it, wrapped the towel and kept it in the almirah at Ningappa's house besides asking him not to unwrap the towel till Ayudha Puja day and also told him to perform puja every day. The priest then left the house.

He (priest) again came back to Ningappa's house at about 8.30 pm on the same day and told Ningappa that he had left his clothes and puja materials in the room and went to the room, where he is said to have exchanged the gold and rice wrapped towel with a similar one and left the house.

Ningappa, his family members and relatives, as told by the priest performed puja everyday till Ayudha Puja day and when they opened the wrapped towel kept in the almirah, they found only rice grains and the gold jewellery missing. Shocked over this, Ningappa and his relatives immediately lodged a complaint at Bilikere Police Station.

Bilikere Police, who registered a case, swung into action. Following directions from SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ASP Shivakumar and supervised by Dy.SP K.S. Sundaraj, Circle Inspector K.G. Poovaiah and In-charge Circle Inspector Ravikumar, Sub-Inspector Jayaprakash-led team succeeded in nabbing the accused.

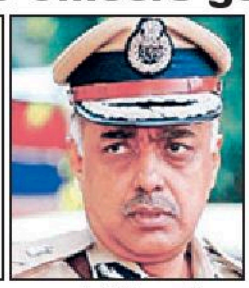
The Police team, on Oct. 27 at about 6 am, nabbed priest Manu at K.R. Nagar Bus Stand and brought him to the Police Station and interrogated him during which Manu is said to have confessed of committing the crime and also told the Police that he had pledged the gold jewellery with pawn brokers and finance companies at Hunsur, Mysuru, K.R. Nagar and other places. Based on his information, the Police have recovered 456 grams gold jewellery.

Bilikere SI Jayaprakash, ASI Swaminayak and staff M.D. Thammanna, H.N. Aruna, Prasanna Kumar, G.S. Satish, G.S. Ravi, T. Mahadeva, Prasad, Govinda and Chikkalingu, took part in the operation.

Dy.SP Ganapathy suicide case

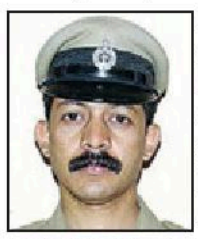
Former Minister K.J.George and two IPS officers get relief

K.J.George



A.M.Prasad

Pranab Mohanty



Dy.SP Ganapathy

Bengaluru, Nov. 5- In a big relief to MLA and former Minister K.J. George and two senior IPS officers — A.M. Prasad and Pranab Mohanty — the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday quashed the proceedings initiated by the Special Court, set up for cases against people representatives, in the case pertaining to the suicidal death of Dy.SP M.K. Ganapathy.

Ganapathy, who was serving as Dy.SP at Mangaluru, committed suicide by hanging himself in a room at a lodge in Madikeri city on July 7, 2016. Just hours before taking the extreme step, Ganapathy had spoken about harassment meted out to him by the then Home Minister K.J. George and the two IPS officers in an interview with a local TV Channel at Madikeri.

The CBI, which probed the case following a Court direction, filed the B Report (Closure Report) in October 2019, discharging George and IPS officers A.M. Prasad and Pranab Mohanty in the case.

Questioning the B Report, the deceased Ganapathy's son Nehal moved the People Representatives Special Court.

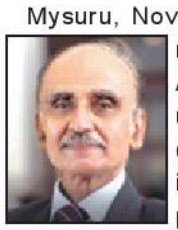
The Special Court, which heard Nehal's petition, rejected the CBI's B Report and issued summons to K.J. George and the two senior IPS officers.

Subsequently, George and IPS officers A.M. Prasad and Pranab Mohanty challenged the order of the Special Court before the High Court.

Justice John Michael Cunha of the Karnataka High Court, who heard the petition of the former Minister and the two IPS officers, quashed the summons issued by the Special Court asking the three to appear for trial, while observing that there was absolutely no reason or justification for the Special Court to reject the well-founded report filed by the CBI and to take cognisance of the alleged offence and issue summons to the petitioners.

Obituary

M. Shivaraj



Mysuru, Nov. 5- M. Shivaraj (78), retired Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu, he leaves behind his wife Vasumathi, sons Charan and Bharath, daughters-in-law Shilpa and Shylaja, grandchildren Tarun Raj, Hitharaj and Arshiya and a host of relatives and friends.

He had served in Public Works, CITB and Irrigation Departments.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon.

B. Subbaiah

B. Subbaiah (76), a resident of Tilaknagar 13th Cross, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap this noon.

Sharada Rao

Sharada Rao (82), wife of late C.A. Jagannatha Rao, who was a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on Nov. 3 at Bengaluru following age-related ailments.

Her husband had predeceased her 22 years ago. Her elder son Lakshman Prasad had passed away 18 years ago. She leaves behind her second son Rajendra Prasad (Past President of Rotaract Club of Mysore), two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Nov. 4 at Bengaluru.

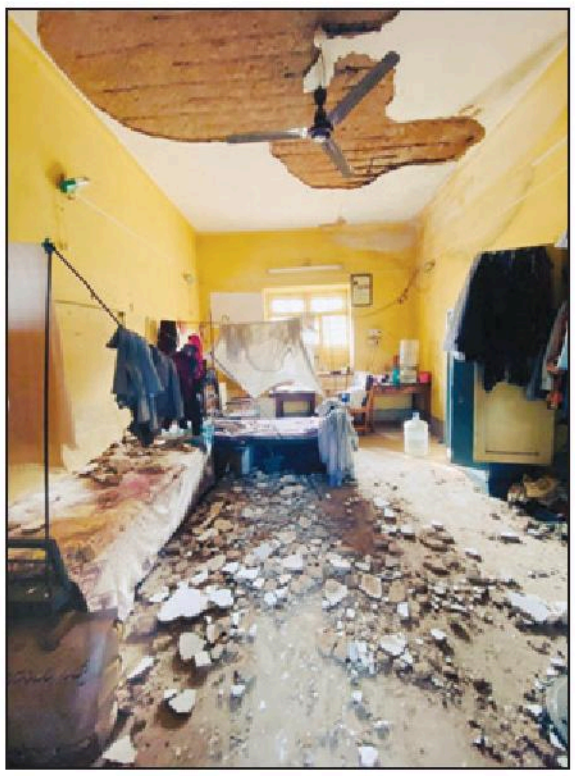
M.J. Gayathri

M.J. Gayathri (70), wife of late Gajendra Shetty and a resident of Sathagalli, passed away in city.

She leaves behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to sources.

'Rain of Plaster' worries UG Medical Hostelites



Mysuru, Nov.5 (SSV&MTY)- The Under-Graduate (UG) students of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), who are staying at the hostel on JLB Road in city, are virtually living with the heart in their hands, thanks to falling of cement plaster of the ceiling. This is the boys hostel which was built in 1962.

This is not happening in single room but also a story of a majority of rooms due of 'lack of maintenance.' As many as 400 Medicos are staying in this hostel which has around 140 rooms out of which 20 were being used for other purposes.

Having housed thousands of students in the last 58 years, this building is now crying for attention. Two rooms have been declared 'unfit' for occupation.

Three days ago, a few students had a close shave when the cement plaster of the ceiling rained on them. They ran out for safety. Every year, an average of 70 students to 80 students get into this hostel but this year they had been given alternative accommodation.

After this incident, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, held a meeting. Hostel Warden K.T. Chandrashekar explained the poor state of the entire building. The Director instructed him to seek a report on the sturdiness of the building and also to know whether this building was fit for occupation or demolition. In case of demolition, students will be temporarily shifted to the building behind PKTB Hospital on KRS Road.

The Dean has instructed to give a report on the building's strength. New students will be accommodated elsewhere. Next year, all students will be shifted to the building behind PKTB Hospital till the new building is ready."

— Warden K.T. Chandrashekar

Twitter post

The photo of fallen ceiling plaster of MMC&RI UG Boys Hostel has been posted on Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors' Page seeking the authorities concerned to do something before it harms somebody. One of the twitter handlers has recalled similar incidents that occurred in 2009 and 2015.

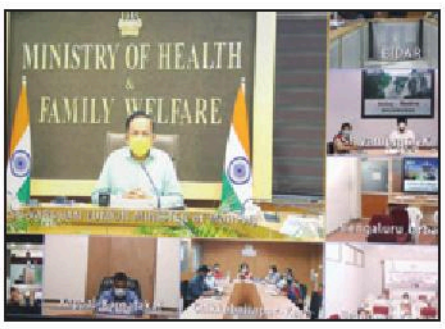
Check galloping Corona cases in six Karnataka districts: Union Health Minister

New Delhi, Nov. 5- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed his grave concern over the trajectory of COVID-19 in six districts of Karnataka and stressed on concerted efforts to check its growth.

The Union Minister held a meeting through video-conferencing to review COVID-19 preparedness and measures for ensuring 'COVID-Appropriate Behaviour' with Karnataka Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, and other senior officials of the State Government, here yesterday.

He noted that Urban Bengaluru, Mysuru, Ballari, Dakshina Kannada, Hassan and Belagavi were reporting more number of cases when compared to other districts and spoke to officials of the districts concerned. "Fatality rate is showing a rising trend. Karnataka has the second highest cumulative cases after Maharashtra. Karnataka has a recovery rate of 93 percent which is more than the national recovery rate. The case of fatality rate (1.35 percent) is also lower than the national average," he said.

The Union Health Minister interacted with the Deputy Commissioners of the six districts reporting high cases and higher mortality. The health authorities of the State apprised the Union Minister on the steps taken to contain COVID. The State is following 4 Ts of Tracing, Testing, Treatment and Technology to tackle COVID-19. Testing has been increased from 10,000 tests per day in June to over 80,000 per day as of now. Testing facilities have been made available in all the Medical Colleges of the State. This has increased testing capacities manifold. More than 8 million tests have been done



Dr. Harsh Vardhan

in the State, so far. The State authorities said that 80 per cent of the tests done are by RT-PCR.

The State has also reduced the active cases by 37 per cent between Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Random pool testing and targeted testing has been done to ensure early containment and appropriate treatment. Containment strategies were adopted in the urban areas, they said.

Expressing satisfaction over India's progress in combating Corona, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said "We will soon be completing a journey of 10 months in fighting Corona. The country is now witnessing substantial improvements in COVID parameters. The number of cases and deaths are in a declining phase. The active cases have been substantially reduced. The recovery rate of India has surpassed 92 per cent today. The case fatality rate is also declining and stands at 1.49 per cent."

"With over 2,000 labs, the testing capacity has also increased. In the coming festival and winter season, the virus poses potential threats. It becomes very important to follow 'COVID- Appropriate Behaviour' to cut the transmission of virus. Whenever there is a laxity in following basic precautionary measures, the country has suffered," he noted.

Covid-19 antibodies found in 16% population: Dr. Sudhakar

Sero-survey will be conducted in December and March again

Bengaluru, Nov.5 (SSV)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that sero-survey has revealed that around 16 per cent of the State has developed antibodies against COVID-19 virus. Out of 7.07 crore estimated population of Karnataka, the study estimated that 1.93 crore (27.3 per cent) of the people are either currently infected or already had the infection in the past.

He was sharing details of the sero-survey done by various agencies from Sept. 3 to 16 at all 30 districts in Karnataka, at a news conference here yesterday. He said the survey included the proportion of people who had COVID-19 infection recently and those currently having active SARS-CoV-2 infection. The sampled population surveyed were all adults aged 18 years and above. It was held in three groups — Low-risk group, moderate-risk group and high risk. The study used Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and RT-PCR for the diagnosis of acute infection. At the same time, serum testing for IgG antibodies was conducted to know the protection offered by the immune response. The standard ICMR protocols were used, and ICMR approved laboratory network in the State was utilised.

The Minister said of the 16,585 persons surveyed covering the three risk categories, the analysis was done on results for 15,624 individuals whose RAT plus RT-PCR and COVID Kavach ELISA antibody test results were matched in the line list. The survey revealed that, 16.4 per cent of the people were infected in the past and found to have antibodies against COVID-19 in the surveyed population.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Dr. Sudhakar said districts with high cases infections ratio (more than 40) such as Vijayapura, Belagavi, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Raichur, Ramanagar, Haveri, Chamarajanagar, Bidar, Davangere, Yadgir, Kalaburagi, Kolar, Mandya, Chikmagalur, Ballari, Bengaluru Rural and Hassan need to improve detection of cases actively through syndromic approach, improve testing, and ensure other public health actions are implemented efficiently. Likewise, districts with a low case to infection ratio such as BBMP Bommanahalli, BBMP East, BBMP West, BBMP South and Mysuru suggest that the strategy employed for testing is reasonable and can be replicated in other districts.

Highlights of survey

• The Infection Fatality Rate (IFR) due to COVID-19 in Karnataka is 0.05 per cent.

• The districts with a high infection fatality rate suggest that clinical care needs to be improved in these places. The present IFR is likely an underestimate.

• The State is passing through different stages of COVID-19 pandemic in different districts. The surge in cases is yet to occur in the districts with the lowest estimated prevalence of COVID-19 (Dharwad, Gadag, Chikkaballapur, Bagalkot, and BBMP Mahadevapura).

Karva Chauth at Pakshirajapura in Hunsur

Mysuru, Nov. 5 (Hunsur Raghu)- *Karva Chauth,* which is specially celebrated in North India, was observed by tribals belonging to Hakki-Pikki Community at Pakshirajapura in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru last night.

The festival falls on the fourth day after the full moon, in the Hindu lunisolar calendar month of Kartik. *Karva* is another word for 'pot' (a small earthen pot of water) and *Chauth* means 'fourth' in Hindi (a reference to the fact that the festival falls on the fourth day of the dark-fortnight, or *Krishna Paksh,* of the month of Kartik). On *Karva Chauth,* married women, especially in North-West India, observe fast from sunrise to moonrise for the safety and longevity of their husbands. The fasting women, dressed like a bride, collectively sit in a circle, offer puja to Goddess Chamundi and exchange the sweets brought from their homes.

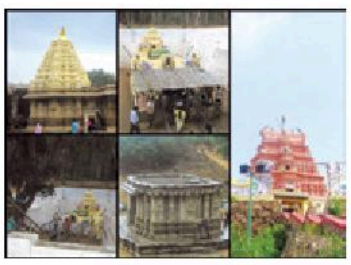
Once the moon is visible, depending on the region and community, it is customary for a fasting woman, to view moon or its reflection in a vessel filled with water, through a sieve, or through the cloth of a dupatta.

Water is offered (arka) to the moon (som or chandra, the lunar deity) to secure its blessings. In some regions, the woman says a brief prayer asking for her husband's life. Then the married women view their husbands through sieve and share sweets.

Panchalinga Darshan on Dasara lines

Mysuru, Nov.5 (PM&SSV)- The famous Panchalinga Darshan at Talkad in T.Narasipur taluk will be celebrated in simple manner on the lines of Mysuru Dasara festivities, said Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar here yesterday.

Talking to reporters after the preliminary meeting held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium, he opined it was better to celebrate this 10-day festivities starting from Dec. 14 as per guidelines of Union Health Ministry in the wake of COVID-19. A technical team will be sent to Talkad to oversee the arrangements and recommend how many people should be allowed to this event which is held once in seven years or 12 years depending on the Hindu almanac. In 2013, around 20 lakh devotees had participated in this event. Allowing large gathering this time was not advisable in view of current pandemic. All programmes will be held virtually to prevent congregation of people.



The Minister asked the District Administration to prepare an estimate for basic works such as painting, illumination, road repairs and drainage facility in the town to handle people. The estimate submitted by the District Administration will be placed before the CM for his approval. Muzrai Minister Kota Srinivasa Pujari will visit Talkad next week to see preparations as well as to discuss with local representatives about urgent works needed in the shrine.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri opined it was better to celebrate Panchalinga Darshan virtually on the lines of Mysuru Dasara. Let people sit at home and watch the celebrations. It was better to hold this event as per recommendation of the technical team, she added.

In 2013, the then State Government had allotted Rs. 12 crore towards celebrations of which Rs 6.78 crore was spent. The rest, Rs.5.58 crore was spent on permanent works of Sri Mallikarjuna Temple in Mudukuthore. There was a need to improve basic facilities at all major temples of Sri Vaidyeshwara, Sri Pataleshwara, Sri Maruleshwara, Sri Arkeshwara and Sri Mudukuthore Mallikarjuneshwara.

Officials who participated in the meeting opined that Rs. 9 lakh was required to make arrangements for virtual events and Rs. 32 lakh for religious programmes. No estimate had been prepared for illumination.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional DC B.S. Manjunathswamy, ZP President Parimala Shyam, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, SP C.B. Rhyshanth, ZP Vice-President Gowramma and others were present.

Guests under Cops' lens

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Meanwhile, DCP Dr. Prakash Gowda, who addressed members of Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners' Association here yesterday, appealed them to strictly follow the COVID-19 guidelines prescribed to check spreading of virus. The State Government has announced certain do's and don'ts exclusively for choultries/ community halls or auditoriums.

Instructions by Police

- Only 50 per cent of the capacity of marriage hall or not more than 200 persons are allowed for any function.
- The guests must compulsorily wear face masks and maintain social distancing. The choultry management must make arrangements for thermal scanning of every guest and hand sanitiser.
- Managers/owners must provide complete information about the event, names and addresses of event organisers to the area Police Stations at least one week in advance.
- At the time of booking, owners/managers must tell the event holders about the need for following COVID-19 guidelines and giving them all instructions without fail.
- The cooks, food servers, cleaning staff, photo and videographers must compulsorily wear mask and handgloves.
- Must make arrangements for hand sanitiser and thermal scanning at entrance and exit point of choultries.
- Compulsory collection of details of total number of people attending the marriage or other function, date and timing shared with cops.
- Arrange the chairs in the main marriage hall and dining hall keeping in view safe distancing norms.
- Must ensure non-violation of COVID-19 protocol.

"We will strictly follow guidelines issued by the State and Union Governments without fail. All information about the event and persons holding events, their address and contact number will be shared with jurisdiction Police Station. Stickers regarding do's and don'ts are getting readied. Once they are ready, the same will be pasted prominently in front and inside every marriage hall."

— K.R. Sathyanarayana, President, Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners' Association

COVID-19 Pandemic

Private Schools to re-open only in January, provided managements not held guilty

Mysuru, Nov. 5- Even as uncertainty continues over re-opening of schools, with the Government yet to decide on the exact date of re-opening in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, city-based CISPMA (CBSE, ICSE and State Board Private School Managements Association) in the five southern districts of Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu, on Wednesday decided to reopen schools only in January only if the Government assures the managements that they will not be held responsible if students contract COVID-19. The decision was taken at the CISPMA meeting held at Jnanasarovar International Residential School here yesterday.

CISPMA President Sudhakar S. Shetty said that Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar addressed the meeting virtually from Bengaluru, during which he assured the association members of attending to the grievances of private schools. The Minister also appealed the school managements to join hands with the Government in the interests of the students at this critical juncture, he added.

The meeting discussed at length the challenges involved in the re-opening of schools.

Pointing out that the safety of students and staff is important at this critical times, Shetty said that the association has decided to reopen schools with regular classes only in January, provided the Government promises that no action will be taken against the teachers or managements in case a student contracts the virus.

Highlighting the severe financial crisis that school managements have been facing following closure of schools, Shetty appealed the Government to waive of tax for this fiscal. Urging the Government to remove educational Institutions from the Property Tax bracket, he also sought waiver of interest on loans taken by educational institutions till April 2021.

CISPMA office-bearers Ravindraswamy, Venkatesh, Swaroopini, Anuradha, Fr. Vijaykumar, Manjunath, Ullas Pandit, Mohammad Hamid, P. Vishwanath, Radhakrishna and others attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, MLA L. Nagendra urged the Government to take stringent action against unscrupulous persons who harass educational Institutions in the name of RTI activists. He further said that he will arrange a meeting between the District Minister and school managements to discuss property tax, reimbursement of RTE grants, allotment of CA sites and other issues concerning private schools.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that as he himself is running a school, he is very much aware of the financial problems faced by the educational institutions, in the wake of Corona crisis and added that he will take up the difficulties faced by school managements with the Government.

Online portals swindling youths with fake airport job offers

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Link to apply for vacancies is available only on AAI's official website *www.aai.aero/en/careers/recruitment* and not on any other website.

It may be recalled that last year too similar incidents of private online agencies duping youths in the guise of jobs at airports had come to light and the AAI had issued a press release in July 2019, cautioning the youths not to fall prey to such job rackets.

Mysore Airport sees increase in fliers

The number of air travellers from Mysore Airport, which had drastically dropped due to COVID-19 pandemic, is slowly picking up after the lockdown rules were relaxed.

In October 2020, more than 6,000 fliers have taken flights from Mysore Airport to various destinations and the AAI has shared this information on twitter.

While the number of air passengers in May was just 489, it increased to 3,158 in June. July saw a slight decrease in passengers with 2,795 travelling in flights and in August, 3,057 passengers took flights. In September, 6,214 passengers travelled while 6,779 travelled in October to various places from Mysore Airport.

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	(S-2)	7.45 pm
Gentlemen (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
KGF-1 (K)	(S-3)	11.45 am
	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Ranganayaki (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
The New Mutants (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	1.50 pm
	(S-4)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	7.55 pm

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KGF (K)	(S-2)	5.15 pm
The New Mutants (E)	(S-2)	2.25 pm
Break the silence the movie (Korean)	(S-3) 12 noon, 2.45 pm, 5.30 pm	
	(S-1)	6.45 pm
Gentlemen (K)	(S-1)	3.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Nine Forms Of Durgas

The concept of Nava-durga is extremely popular during Navaratri. Navaratri refers to the nine nights that lead to the celebration of Vijayadashami. The Goddess is worshipped in nine forms. The nine forms are Shailaputri, Brahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skanda Mata, Kaatyayani, Kalaratri, Mahagauri and Siddharaatri. These are not nine separate Goddesses. They represent the nine phases of the Goddess' life. The nine nights of Navaratri are a celebration of the Goddess in her entirety.

The Goddess is Shakti, who brings meaning to Shiva, who disembodied pure consciousness. The first stage is Shailaputri, where Shakti is the Goddess of the mountains. She is born of the mountains and she decides to marry the mountain hermit, Shiva. He, however, does not want to marry. He withdraws into his mountain cave, stubbornly refusing to be with her.

In the second phase, she becomes Brahmacharini, a hermit, who performs tapasya. She mimics Shiva, who is a tapasvi himself. As she does exactly what he does, Shiva realises what would happen, if all men and women choose to become hermits. The next generation will not be created. The world will cease to exist. The rock (shiva-linga) becomes the plant (bilva), the object turns into an organism, as Shiva realises without Shakti, he is a dead body (shava).

Shiva agrees to marry Shakti and the Goddess then takes her third form, which is Chandraghanta. The Chandraghanta, or the bell-shaped moon, represents the first day of the waxing moon, when only an arc of the moon is seen. If Shiva is the waning moon (destroyer), with Shakti he becomes the waxing moon (creator).

Now, as Shiva's wife, she enjoys the companionship of Shiva and her body is filled with warmth. This makes her Kushmunda, gently aroused. In her fourth form, she becomes radiant like the sun, in the presence of Shiva. The fifth form is when she becomes a mother. She is Skanda's mother. She has domesticated Shiva, who was a hermit into a householder called Shankara and also made him a father.

In the sixth form of Kaatyayani, she becomes the outraged warrior who fights Mahishasura — who cannot be defeated by any other deva. He arrogantly declares that no man can defeat him; forgetting that a woman can defeat him.

In her seventh form, she becomes even more fierce as Kalaratri — Kaali who kills Chanda and Munda. She adorns her body with his entrails, limbs and head. It is the fiercest and darkest form of the Goddess, after which she quickly calms downs.

She then becomes the eighth form: Mahagauri, the home-maker. Gauri is the one who is domestic: her hair is no longer unbound. She doesn't run amok, naked on the battlefield. She sits at home preparing food, to feed her husband Shiva, in the form of Annapurna.

In the final form, she is Siddharaatri, the accomplished one. She has completed her work and now takes her rightful place as one half of Shiva's body. She completes him. This is her greatest accomplishment; she has connected Shiva to worldly life, made him realise his purpose, to animate the world, and make the world realise its value and purpose. This is the ultimate role of the Goddess in Hindu mythology.

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National pride or self-interest?

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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A big gathering of devotees. All Ram Bhakts. A Senior Guru was giving his *pravachan* and the full crowd was listening with rapt attention the discourse on Ramayan. The Guru, during the talks, casually mentioned that the organisers have kept 500 statues of Rama and 500 statues of Ravana outside the venue. Every devotee could carry one statue only either of Rama or Ravana.

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After the discourse was over, all the devotees in the hall started laughing out aloud knowing fully well the end result. Just 5 minutes before the finish of the discourse, the Guru casually mentioned that the statue of Rama was made of wood and the one of Ravana of silver.

Now, the whole dynamics changed. Slowly the Guru giving the discourse realised the crowd thinning out. When he sent his disciple to check, he found out that the so-called Ram Bhakts were queuing up for the Ravana statue ! Of course, there were some Ram Bhakts too who remained seated but majority had vanished. The Guru's final words were, "When one is not spiritually fulfilled, your attitude will change as per your self interest." So true, is it not ?

When posted in Delhi, whenever a colleague died on weekdays, the complete Department used to come to me demanding a bus to be arranged to ferry them to the burial grounds. Since we had a transport division, this demand was easily met. Sometimes I used to go to the burial ground too and used to be impressed with the love and affection shown by the workers towards their deceased colleague.

After some days, another colleague expired unfortunately on a weekend. When I reached the burial ground I was shocked. There were hardly a few of his office colleagues. That time my Personal Assistant let out the secret. The staff were very happy to be escorted to the burial ground only on weekdays since they could bunk their office work and if they had to go on their own expense on a weekend they quietly avoided it ! All the so-called love and affection was just a sham.

The world is materialistic and one should not forget it. You just go to any temple and watch how the priests behave if and when a cash rich VVIP lands. All the hidden gates gets opened, rules are flouted. Money speaks. Rules and regulations are meant for ordinary mortals. A single day collection of Tirupati recently was a whopping Rs. 2.5 crore. It is sad but true, many a rich persons who would not donate a single rupee to any meaningful orphanage would not bat an eyelid to donate crores to a temple.

A popular recent trend was "Ban Chinese products." A very popular trend indeed. Even the Government had informed all e-Commerce players to name the country of origin in all the products on display to ensure that the consumer make a informed decision. Of course, these e-Commerce giants do care a hoot for all the Government's directions and made a lame excuse for not naming the country of origin tag on all the products.

But what happened to all the nationalistic slogans during the recent big sale online? The top end Chinese products of Smartphone and TVs got sold out ! What happened to all the nationalistic feeling or pride? When an alternative Indian product is not available in the range, matching the quality, Indian customers quietly lap up Chinese products. Yes, Smartphones of various brands were giving a competition, but all Indian products were inferior technically. So what is the answer to all this chest thumping nationalism sloganeering? The answer is to develop in the coming years some top class Indian products which match these Chinese products in quality and price. It is possible. We Indians have shown this in motorcycles. Indian motorcycles are exported all over the world and are preferred over Chinese mobikes. Our manufacturers beat them not only in quality but price too !

Today's news is an eye-opener. When Karnataka Government put out a tender for electric buses, they could not find a single Indian bus manufacturer who could meet the tender specifications of running 250-km on a single charge. They had no choice but to turn to Chinese firms who were ready to manufacture these electric buses to the specifications of the tender.

So what is the lesson in all these? Mere rhetoric of "Buy Indian" is not going to solve the issue. We have to start from scratch and manufacture goods to international standards. I am glad we have made some beginning and may succeed in a matter of few years but right now we are miles behind even contemplating matching Chinese manufacturing capacities.

To conclude, national pride, rhetoric apart, people buy what suits their interests and purse. In a lighter vein, if it suits them, they will praise Ravana too. Do you agree?

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Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra to launch 2020-21 activities on Nov. 6

Mysuru, Nov. 5- Established by the State Government, Rangayana Mysuru is a full-fledged theatre repertory. Along with it, Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, set up 11 years ago, is a theatre training school which is recognised by Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, from the year 2020-21.

The academic year of the Theatre School, which was scheduled to begin from July this year, was delayed due to Corona crisis. However, the School will restart its activities from tomorrow (Nov. 6). As always, this year too, 20 talented candidates have been selected from various districts for the theatre training.

The course will be inaugurated at Rangayana premises tomorrow at 11 am. KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote and theatre personality Prakash Belavadi will be the chief guests. Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa will preside.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Rangashikshana Kendra Head S. Ramanath will be present, according to a press release from Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa.

Obstacle Course inaugurated at Sainik School in Kodagu

Air Vice Marshal P.J. Walia, Senior Officer-in-Charge Administration, Training Command, Indian Air Force, Bangalore and Col. G. Kannan, Principal, Sainik School, Kodagu, exchanging mementoes as a token of remembrance.

Kushalnagar, Nov.5(Akshay) - Air Vice Marshal P.J. Walia, Senior Officer-in-Charge Administration, Training Command, Indian Air Force, Bangalore and Chairman, Local Board of Administration, Sainik School Kodagu, chaired the 21st meeting of the Local Board of Administration of Sainik School here on Oct. 29.

The Chairman also inaugurated the Sangolli Rayanna Obstacle Course, which aims at training multiple fitness components of the cadets. This Obstacle Course will help in preparing them for SSB. In addition it will help in developing diversified skills and abilities like self-discipline, perseverance, courage, resourcefulness, self-reliance and teamwork among cadets.

The Local Board of Administration Meeting was attended by Gp. Capt. R.R. Lall, Command Education Officer, Bangalore, Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi, Chief Coordinator, Prof. Y. Sreekanth, Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru, Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, University of Mysore, Vijay Kumar Swarnkar, Executive Engineer, CPWD, Mysore Central Division and P.S. Machado, DDPI, Kodagu district.

Keeping in view the prevailing pandemic condition, Krishnaji S. Karichannavara, Director, Secondary Education, Karnataka State, Murthy, Under Secretary, Finance Department, Karnataka State and Dr. Jaibharat Madivaleppa Mangeshkar, Parent Member, attended the meeting online. Col. Kannan, Principal and Member-Secretary, briefed all the training and administrative aspects of the school and the progress made in the past nine months.

He said, 'an obstacle course is a series of challenging physical obstacles cadets must navigate usually while being timed. Obstacle course can include running, climbing, jumping, crawling and balancing elements with the aim of testing speed and endurance.' The members deliberated and arrived at various policy decisions for future development of the school.

Mysuru DC Sharat transfer case: CAT adjourns hearing to Nov.10

Mysuru, Nov.5- The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) at Bengaluru on Tuesday adjourned the hearing in the petition filed by IAS Officer B.Sharat questioning his abrupt transfer from the post of Mysuru DC within a month into his job, to Nov.10.

Sharat, who took charge as Mysuru DC on Aug.29, was transferred by the Government on Sept.28, following which he petitioned the CAT questioning his premature transfer. The CAT, after hearing the arguments and counter-arguments pertaining to the petition, adjourned the next hearing to Nov.10.

Applications invited from children for District-level Awards

Mysuru, Nov. 5- The Department of Women and Child Development has invited applications from extraordinary child achievers for district-level Hoysala and Keladi Chennamma Awards. Talented children aged between 5 and 18 years, who have exemplary record in fields such as Innovation, Sports, Arts and Culture, are eligible to apply.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation. Applicants must submit clippings of news reports that appeared in prominent dailies on their achievements or performance and certificates or prizes that confirm their achievements.

Prescribed application forms are available at the Department Office located in Vijayanagar II Stage and the applications, that are to be filled in Kannada, must be submitted by Nov. 8. For details call Ph: 0821-2495432.

MIMS Security Supervisor attempts suicide

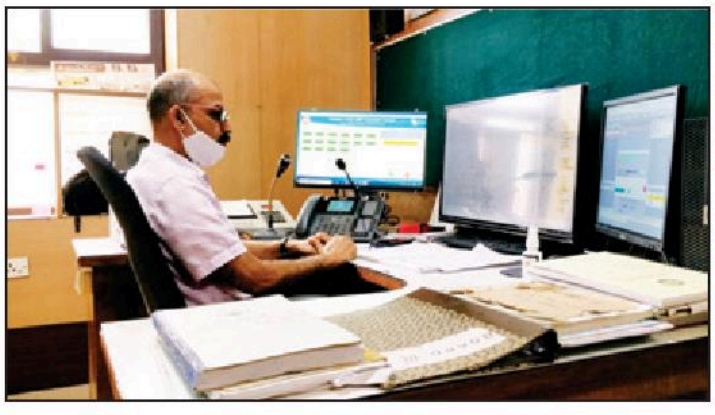
Consumes pesticide, admitted to District Hospital

Mandya, Nov. 5 (KS) - A 38-year-old man, who is working as a Security Supervisor at Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), allegedly attempted suicide by consuming pesticides yesterday.

The Security Supervisor is Panchalingegowda, a resident of Ankanadoddi in the taluk and is said to be working as the Security Supervisor at MIMS since five years. He had consumed pesticides near Gopalapura in Central Police Station limits and had taken ill. Passersby, who saw him writhing in pain, rushed him to the District Hospital where he is being treated.

The jurisdictional Police, who visited the hospital, were unable to record statements from Panchalingegowda as he is unconscious but have recorded the statements of the doctors treating him. No complaint has been lodged so far.

VoIP-based Train Control Communication System commissioned in SWR Mysuru Division



Mysuru, Nov.5- Train traffic control communication between the Divisional Control Office and the Station Masters at the way-side Stations is vital for safe and efficient train operations. Ministry of Railways (MoR) has recently decided to commission VoIP-based Train Control Communication System (TCCS) in one controlled section in each of South Western, Central and North Western Railways where the OFC system is available.

This scheme operationalised over the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) between Birur Jn. and Sampige Road and Hassan Jn. and Arsikere Jn. in 18 Stations, for a length of 150 kms.

The VoIP-based Train Control Communication System (TCCS) uses the standard modem and widely-proven Internet Protocol (IP) technology as a platform. The distinct advantages of TCCS include better call quality, lesser noise, facilitating monitoring up to the endpoint and, adapting future technology upgrades in an existing system at a relatively lower cost.

The new communication system was inaugurated on Oct. 23 in Mysuru by Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway, Hubballi, in the presence of Ajay Kumar, Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, South Western Railway, Hubballi, and Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager (now transferred), South Western Railway, Mysuru.

Senior Railway Zonal and Divisional Officers were also present on the occasion.

D. Sreenivasulu, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Officer, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, led the technical team in harnessing this state-of-the-art technological tool in communications to pave the way for enhanced safety margins in train operations, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr.PRO.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Nov. 5 (KS) - Lashkar Police have found a body of an unidentified man aged between 35 and 40 years on the footpath of B.N. Road and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased has marks of small wounds on his stomach. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418307.

In another incident, Nazarbad Police, on Nov. 1 found a body of an unidentified man in front of a sweet shop at Maharaja Complex on B.N. Road and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased, aged between 50 and 55 years, is 5.4 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced, has wound marks near his forehead and on his right leg and was wearing a blue colour full arm shirt and black shorts.

The kith and kin of the deceased may contact Nazarbad Police on Ph: 0821-2418308/508 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

WORD OF THE DAY

Truculent

Pronunciation: TRUCK-yuh-lunt.
Meaning: Aggressively self-assertive : belligerent; scathingly harsh : vitriolic; feeling or displaying ferocity : cruel, savage; deadly, destructive.

Origin: Truculent derives from truculentus, a form of the Latin adjective trux, meaning "savage." It has been used in English since the 16th century to describe people or things that are cruel and ferocious, such as tyrannical leaders, and has also come to mean "deadly or destructive" (as in "a truculent disease"). In current use, however, it has lost much of its etymological fierceness. It now frequently serves to describe speech or writing that is notably harsh (as in "truculent criticism") or a person who is notably self-assertive and surly ("a truculent schoolboy"). Some usage commentators have criticised these extended uses because they do not match the savagery of the word's original sense, but they are well-established and perfectly standard.
Example: Warren's truculent demeanor made him unpleasant to work with, particularly as deadlines approached...

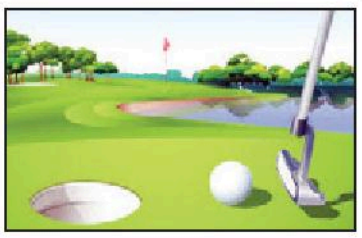
THE ODD WORD

Tabacosis

Tobacco poisoning.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Two down, one to go



Meaning: The word "two" in the phrase refers to things that have been finished, while the word "one" references that which is yet to be finished. In other words, two things have been completed, and there's one more thing left to do.
Origin: This phrase may come from sports. The reason is because the earliest writings of the phrase that I could come from the first half of the 20th century, and it's pretty much always used within the context of sports. This term is applicable to many different sports. For example, in baseball, the word "down" can be synonymous for "out." A batter or base runner can be ruled as "out" by an umpire. If the team on defense gets three offensive players out, then the teams switch places. Hence, sometimes you might hear that the offensive team has two players down, and one to go. The expression, used in relation to baseball, can be seen in the Olean Evening Herald, June 1922, where a recent game had finished and a recap of it was given: "The visiting Stars again tied the score in the seventh with two down and one to go."

QUOTE BOX

When life gets you down, improvise as if crawling was part of the choreography. **— Iveta Cherneva**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Upside down.

SUDOKU

		4		3				8
			9		6		1	
	5			2			7	
						1	8	
		3				6		
	4	5						
	7			9			4	
	6		1		8			
8				5		9		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	7	4	6	2	5	8	1
5	1	4	7	8	3	9	6	2
6	8	2	5	9	1	3	7	4
2	6	9	1	7	4	8	3	5
8	3	5	6	2	9	4	1	7
4	7	1	8	3	5	2	9	6
9	2	6	3	5	7	1	4	8
1	5	8	9	4	6	7	2	3
7	4	3	2	1	8	6	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Lump or protuberance
4 A feudal slave
8 An avatar of Vishnu
12 Irish Republican Army, acronym
13 12th month of the Jewish calendar
14 Atop or over
15 Showy breed of horse
17 Fall or make a small mistake
18 Proof of innocence
19 Firm flesh around roots of teeth
21 A wood sorrel, Oxalis tuberosa, of the Andes
23 ___ cats and dogs : poured down very heavily?
27 Go to press
31 Certain bones - "a scar" anagram?
32 Eur. Space Agcy
33 Cowboy's rope, lasso
35 Source of Arab wealth?
36 Renaissance fiddle
38 The papacy or papal court (4,3)
40 Role models
42 Regional Airline Assoc.
43 Hawaiian garlands?
45 Undersized person
49 Italian wine city
52 More powerful
54 In a short time
55 Yes votes
56 Tokyo's former name
57 Martial art ___ fu
58 Legendary woman seduced by swan
59 Domesticated canine

DOWN
1 Type of palm
2 Russian mountain range
3 Indonesian island - "bail" anagram?
4 An area bounded by a diameter and a half-circumference
5 Inventor Whitney
6 Called
7 Milled wheat?
8 Super power which was previously USSR?
9 A Programming Lang.
10 Me, to Miss Piggy
11 Actual Navigation Performance
16 Ancient Greek coin
20 Udipi snack (6,4)
22 Airspeed Indicator
24 In brief, sergeants and corporals
25 Lake ___ :one of the five big lakes in North America?
26 Low ground between hills
27 Persian fairy
28 Employed
29 Newborn child
30 Triumphant cry
34 Rocky hill
37 Formerly famed English film studio
39 Sign of tiredness
41 Rope-making fibre
44 Inflammation which can impair vision
46 Matured - like wine in wood
47 Make over
48 Developed tadpole
49 Inquire of
50 Not a ___ : same as,"not even a penny" ?
51 Measure of weight
53 ___ Fort : Delhi landmark?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

V	E	R	A	■	A	W	E	D	■	D	O	H
A	R	A	T	■	M	I	L	E	■	E	R	A
P	A	R	T	S	O	F	S	P	E	E	C	H
I	S	A	A	C	■	E	A	T	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	I	R	A	■	■	H	A	I	F	A
■	T	E	N	A	B	L	E	■	U	R	A	L
E	A	T	■	P	L	I	E	S	■	O	N	E
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A	C	I	N	I	■	■	S	I	N	■	■	■
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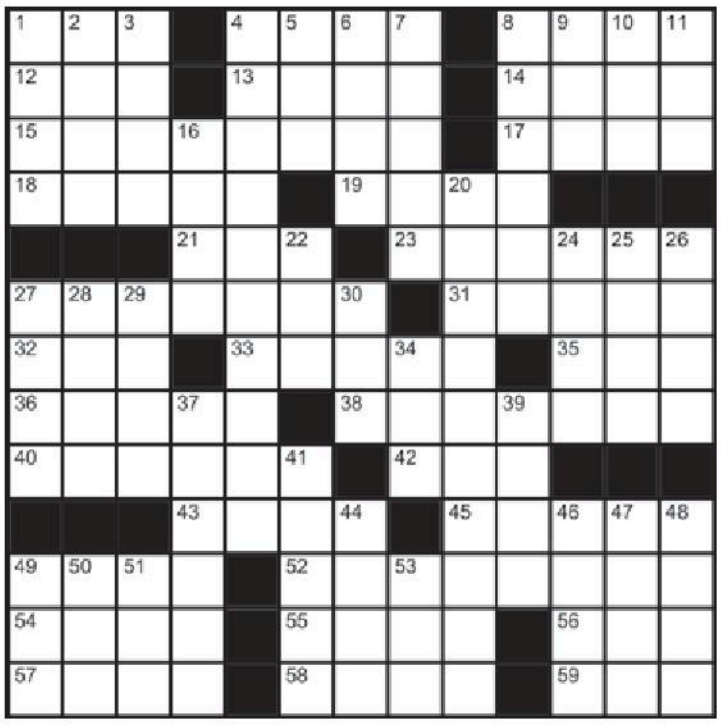

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BAZ LZMU EL FZYENHOI M 'AMK-FZZO' WZZJK

KENZ JZEJRZ LUEN FZYENHOI MOPBAHOI.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's okay if you mess up. You should give yourself a break.

How play-offs work

Dubai, Nov. 5- After 46 days and 56 matches, we have final four teams in IPL 2020 play-offs that is set to begin this evening.

Mumbai Indians (MI) of course have finished on top of the points table with 18 points, despite losing their last league match by 10 wickets to Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). Delhi Capitals (DC) finished second when they beat Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in their last league match of the season and reached 16 points.

According to the IPL play-off rules, Qualifier-1 will see the top two teams clashing. So MI and DC will play against each other in Qualifier-1 today (Nov. 5). The winner of this match will go straight through to the final. The loser, however, will not be knocked out but enters Qualifier-2. **Qualifier-1 will be played in Dubai.**

Meanwhile, SRH pushed RCB down to fourth spot after their big 10 wicket win Vs MI on Tuesday, which means, thanks to their superior **Net Run Rate (NRR)** of +0.608, they have finished third on the table, despite being tied with RCB (NRR of -0.172) on 14 points.

The Eliminator, which will be played on Nov. 6 in Abu Dhabi, will see teams 3 and 4 clashing, so SRH will take on RCB in this play-off match. The winner of this match will enter Qualifier-2. The loser will be knocked out.

Qualifier-2 meanwhile is a match that sees the loser of Qualifier-1 (MI Vs DC) take on the winner of the Eliminator (SRH Vs RCB). The winner will enter the final. The loser will be knocked out. **Qualifier-2 is scheduled for Nov. 8 in Abu Dhabi.**

The final will be played on Nov. 10 in Dubai. This will see the winner of Qualifier-1 (MI Vs DC) take on the winner of Qualifier-2. The winner will be crowned IPL 2020 Champions. The loser will be the runner-up team.

IPL 2020 Play-offs

Today's Match (NOV. 5) QUALIFIER-1

MI Vs DC
Dubai Intl. Stadium
Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (NOV. 6) ELIMINATOR

SRH Vs RCB
Sheikh Zayed Stadium,
Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

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POINTS TABLE

TEAMS	PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS	NRR
Mumbai Indians (MI)	14	9	5	18	+1.296
Delhi Capitals (DC)	14	8	6	16	-0.109
Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)	14	7	7	14	+0.608
Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)	14	7	7	14	-0.172
Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)	14	7	7	14	-0.214
Kings XI Punjab (KXIP)	14	6	8	12	-0.162
Chennai Super Kings (CSK)	14	6	8	12	-0.455
Rajasthan Royals (RR)	14	6	8	12	-0.569

Women's T20 Challenge 2020

Velocity beat Supernovas by five wickets

A fine 51-run partnership between Sushma Verma and Sune Luus helped Velocity get across the line

Sharjah, Nov. 5- Velocity defeated Supernovas by five wickets in the first match of the WT20 Challenge in Sharjah yesterday.

Velocity skipper Mithali Raj won the toss and opted to bowl. Supernovas openers Priya Punia and Chamari Athapaththu stitched a steady partnership of 30 runs in 5.2 overs, before the former was dismissed by New Zealand pacer Leigh Kasperek.

New batswoman Jemimah Rodrigues failed to make much of an impact, departing for just seven runs off eight deliveries. Arrival of skipper Harmanpreet Kaur helped bring some stability to the innings, with the batswoman stitching a partnership of 47 runs alongside Athapaththu.

However, the latter's dismissal proved to be a massive blow for the Supernovas. Shashikala Siriwardene, the new player in stitched a brief partnership of 22 runs alongside Kaur which seemed vital in the context of the game. However, Kaur's crucial dismissal threw the innings into a state of chaos with the rest of the batswomen unable to make much of an impact.

The Supernovas finished their innings with a score of 126 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

The Velocity chase started off on a poor note but later Sushma Verma and Sune Luus starred with the bat as Velocity scored 129/5 grabbing the win.

BRIEF SCORES

Velocity: 129/5 (Sune Luus 37*, Sushma Verma 34; Ayabonga Khaka 2/27) beat **Supernovas:** 126/8 (Chamari Athapaththu 44, Harmanpreet Kaur 31; Ekta Bisht 3/22) by five wickets.

WOMEN'S T20 CHALLENGE

Today's Match (NOV. 5)

Velocity Vs Trailblazers
Sharjah Cricket Stadium,
Sharjah, **3.30 pm (IST)**

Winners of Eid-Meelad Cricket Tournament

'Eleven Star' cricket team, which emerged winners in the Season-5 of the Eid-Meelad-Un-Nabi Cricket Tournament organised by Mysore Meelad Cricket Association at Eidgah Grounds at Rajivnagar on Oct. 28, is seen the trophy from former Corporator Suhail Baig, who is also one of the office-bearers of the Association as other office-bearers Javeed Ahmed, Abrar Ahmed, Zameer, Siddiqi, Zameer Ahmed, Akram, Noor Mohd., Sagheer, Khurum, Mubarack, Afrooz, Kousar and Yoghesh look on. Picture right shows runners-up 'Mysore Victor' team receiving the trophy. In the finals, 'Eleven Stars' set a target of 185 for the loss of seven wickets and 'Mysore Victor,' chasing the target, lost all its wicket at 143. S. Bharath of 'Eleven Stars,' who scored 56 runs and bagged two wickets, was declared 'Man of the Match.'

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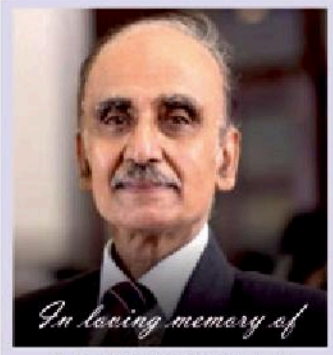

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